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Over-the-Counter COVID-19 Antigen Testing Guidance at CDSS Licensed Care Facilities

Long Term Care Facility Outbreak Team
COVID-19 Division
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Over-the-counter (OTC) tests may be used in these situations:

1. To test residents, healthcare personnel or others onsite who are symptomatic if other testing options are not available;
2. To support post-exposure or outbreak response testing; or
3. To screen asymptomatic healthcare personnel or visitors *if* recommended by CDPH or your local health department in response to elevated community rates.

• FDA-authorized OTC COVID-19 antigen tests must be used without deviation from the manufacturer's instructions for use.

• Any onsite use of OTC COVID-19 antigen tests among facility staff, visitors, and persons in care must be observed in real time by an authorized ASC facility staff member or by an authorized telehealth proctor.

• Licensees who conduct diagnostic screening testing at the facility should have a plan in place for tracking test results, conducting workplace contact tracing, and reporting *positive results to primary care provider* and Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) at (510) 268-2785 or email LTCFOutbreak@acgov.org.

For more information please see:

- <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CCLD/PINs/2022/ASC/PIN-22-10-ASC.pdf>
- [CMS - Over-The-Counter \(OTC\) Home Testing and CLIA Applicability](#)

Or contact Community Care Licensing and Certification Regional Office:

- (510) 286-4201 and
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